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Readers' RESPONSE

I have been reading our *Evangel* more years than I care to mention, and I can say that I have enjoyed it very much. I am shocked, however, to see some of the literature advertised in the *Evangel*, such as the Phillips' Translation of the New Testament.

—MRS. B. T. MCKINLEY

Winston-Salem, N. C.

Thank you for the editorial "Pedants and Scholars" in the September 1, issue of the *Evangel*. It says what I have thought all along, but I didn't know how to say it.

I look forward to the *Evangel* each week.

—A. M. LONG

Franklin Springs, Ga.

I would like to express to you my sincere thanks for the fine cooperation you are giving the school. I have heard many fine comments concerning the excellent articles, pictures, and news releases concerning our program here at the school.

I would like to commend you for the thorough job you are doing as Editor-in-Chief of Church of God publications. Your editorials are helping me to see the need of a more dedicated and consecrated Christian life. I would like to encourage you to continue the fine work you are doing in enlightening our people to seek more of God during this time of spiritual crisis.

—R. L. PLATT
President

Lee College,
Cleveland, Tenn.

As I read the *Evangel*, with its heartfelt sermons, testimonies and other articles, it means very much to me. Certainly much work goes into it for the benefit of others. I only wish that I could have a part in blessing someone else as the *Evangel* blesses me. Many times it makes the hours less lonely. Then writing to somebody who understands how we feel also helps. I enjoy writing to others and being a blessing to them if I can. What is our life if we share not with others. Being in my late thirties, I know a little about life with its happiness and heartache. I would like to be a blessing to you who read this.

—MISS NAOMI FURR

Albemarle, N. C.

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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible. 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor. 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins. 5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. 7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people. 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart. 9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement. 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet. 13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years. 14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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Special Notices . . .

Will all wives, parents, relatives or friends of servicemen stationed in Germany or neighboring countries, please send me their names and addresses immediately? I will contact these men concerning a religious conference that will be held during the Thanksgiving holidays. We have hundreds of Church of God boys with the U. S. Forces in Germany and adjoining countries. We plan to have this gathering for them and their families at Thanksgiving time. Please contact me immediately. It will also be well to write to the servicemen, telling them about the conference at the Germany Bible Seminary in Krehwinkel-Schorndorf, Wurttb., Germany, November 27-30.

—E. Lamar McDaniel
Krehwinkel-Schorndorf
Wurttb., Germany



Melvin Freeman, pastor of the Church of God in Center, Alabama, is speaker on "Back to the Bible" broadcast for the 18th consecutive year—dial 930 on radio station WETO Gadsden, Alabama, each Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Brother Freeman also conducts "Back to the Bible" each Sunday on WROS Scottsboro, Alabama, at 1 p.m.—dial 145 on radio. The full radio coverage each Sunday is 16 counties and 150,000 listeners, centrally in Atlanta, Birmingham, and Chattanooga. Pastors, send any church announcements to: Melvin Freeman, 522 Herzberg Circle, East Gadsden, Alabama.



Having served with the Armed Forces, I now desire to do more for God. I am now a soldier for Christ. Having been a licensed minister since 1952 and having experience in evangelistic work in Florida, Michigan and Arkansas, I now desire to do more in the evangelistic work. I can be contacted at the following address: Rev. Andrew Heath, Box 357, Chiefland, Florida. Telephone: HYatt 3-4324.



I am starting back in the evangelistic work and can be contacted at this address: Grace Powell, 1126 Elmwood Avenue, Columbia, South Carolina.



Anyone wanting information on a good evangelist, write Rev. Sam Jones, in care of Church of God, Big Stone Gap, Virginia. He is Haskel Underwood, 38 years old and married. He sings well and plays a guitar. He is a good man as well as a good preacher. Brother Underwood will travel alone.

The Tony Trio is now available for revival meetings and will give to your church its spiritual needs. The trio includes: Russell, Dale, Iris, and Russell, Jr. Our address is as follows: The Tony Trio, 337 Spence Street, Burlington, North Carolina.



The tract "Facts About the Church of God" is now available for free distribution. You may contact the Church of God Publishing House concerning the amount of tracts you desire.



To those who are interested in my services, I am now in general evangelistic work, and can be contacted at the following address: Rev. C. E. Richard, Route 4, Box 387-B, Bessemer, Alabama. Telephone: HAmilton 8-6338.



The Georgia Chapter of the Lee College Alumni Association will sponsor a special Georgia Day at Lee College, November 14. There will be special programs, activities, and guided tours.

—Floyd D. Carey, Jr.
State President



Anyone living in Killeen, Texas, who is interested in the Church of God, should please contact Mrs. Ethyl Green, 306 North College Avenue. Thank you.



WANTED—Sunday School workers, Y.P.E. workers, musicians.

The Church of God in Glendale, California, is located in one of the best work areas in the United States. Good wages and housing are available. I will help in obtaining employment. Contact: Rev. Leonard Tomlin, 106½ North Belmont, Glendale 6, California.



I am now available for revivals and can be contacted at this address: Rev. Ranzer C. Ussery, P. O. Box 74, Rochester, Texas.

Security

By William D. Polen

Laurel, Mississippi

EVERYTHING AND everyone seek security. Even tiny house pests play hide-and-seek when they become aware that their whereabouts is known. Everyone, whether young or old, seeks to make himself secure. Since security is a necessity, people seek security in all walks of life. Companionship, home, a profession, and a career are all used as means to obtain security. But the thought comes to mind, "How substantial is your home, your job, your bank account—your security?"

Jesus said in His Sermon on the Mount, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

In these last days, when troublesome and perilous times are upon all of us, causing the hearts of men to fail them, each of us needs to take inventory of his life and make sure of his security. There is not a doubt in my mind that it is time for our blessed Lord Jesus Christ to make His glorious appearing in the sky to catch His waiting Bride away with Him. We need to be as the "wise man which built his house upon the rock: the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon the house, **AND IT FELL NOT, FOR IT WAS FOUNDED UPON A ROCK.**"

Sometimes I am made to shudder and even to be fearful when the problems and testings of this life beat at my door. But thanks be unto God who always gives us the victory through His Son, and my Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. I want to make heaven my home. I want to live with Jesus who died for me; therefore, my security is, of necessity, a very vital and serious problem. Some of my favorite strengthening Scriptures (which I am passing on to you) are found in Peter's second letter, verses 3-11, chapter one. "According as his divine power hath given unto

us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by **THESE** ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, *ye shall never fall*: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

I am made to believe that scores of Christians have the false philosophy that, after conversion, sanctification, and a filling with the baptism of the Holy Spirit, they are finished products, sealed on a pedestal awaiting the rapture. Every born-again Christian is entangled in continuous warfare with the adversary of the soul. We are, therefore, by God's divine power to add daily these exceeding great and precious promises, being partakers of God's divine nature. When we are born again, we are not fully mature Christians; we are born babes in Christ. We must grow daily in grace, bearing the fruits of the Spirit as we are pruned by the Master's hand.

First of all, we must have faith to please God. We must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. We must believe that God will do for each of us just exactly what He says He will do in His eternal Word. Then, we are to add to our faith virtue, or holiness. We must live right in order to be secure. To our virtue we must add knowledge. We must continually, over and over, day by day, search the Scriptures for knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Temperance or self-control must then be added to knowledge. By God's grace we must control our lives virtuously by the knowledge of our Lord. See how all of these attributes of security work hand in hand with each other to make our Christian journey successful?

Next we must add patience to our temperance. The Bible declares that we shall reap all of our rewards if we faint not in well-doing. In your patience possess ye your souls. We must continue to build our house by adding godliness to patience. We must grow more and more like the Master. He is the pattern for every life. Brotherly kindness then must be added to godliness. Jesus said, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." To brotherly kindness we must add charity. Love will cover every sin. Love has no bounds. Love will heal. Love will for-

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The Coming of Christ in the Light of World Events

By C. R. Stansberry

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"And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come" (Joel 2:30, 31).

TODAY WE ARE living in a modern age, an age of great scientific achievement; but this is also an age of great peril. The time has come when we as a nation should turn from the path of sin and seek the Lord with our whole hearts. With man-made inventions circling the globe, surely it is a time for sober thinking. For quite some time now, men of God have been prophesying that we are living in the last days. If you will notice in the two verses of scripture just before the text, the prophet Joel tells of a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the last days and then proceeds to give some signs preceding the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Here is the prophecy: "And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire and pillars of smoke."

Then Peter on the day of Pentecost relayed that prophecy to us in the light of the coming of the Holy Ghost. He quotes from the prophet Joel:

"And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord"

Today man has an invention called a satellite which has penetrated beyond the atmospheric heaven. This man-made satellite has done what many a person has said for years could never be done. This is just another sign that we are living in the last days—in the very Saturday evening of time.

In his prophecy Joel says:

"The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come" (Joel 2:31).

Reading these scriptures, I wonder if it might be made possible for man to invade the moon and the moon itself be bathed in the blood of man.

Man today has obtained access to knowledge which,

in the hands of wicked men, could be used to destroy the human race. Russia's ambition for launching the satellite, according to Russia's own admission, is only the first step in her plans to explore and dominate space. She plans to send men in space-ships to the moon, which is approximately 238,000 miles from the earth. If this is accomplished it will be the second step in the fulfillment of Russia's ambition.

This is not the first time this spirit has prevailed in the world. If you remember, in Genesis 11 the followers of Nimrod came to the land of Shinar and established their dwelling there. It was then that they decided to build a tower that would reach into heaven. So you see, the spirit of Sputnik is not a new thing. I personally believe it even goes back farther and reminds us of Satan's ambition at the time of his fall. Notice what the Bible says about this boast of Satan:

"I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit" (Isaiah 14:13-15).

There are those on earth today who dream of ascending to heaven through the works of their own hands, but all this is only wishful thinking on the part of man. They will never reach the heaven where God is unless they are redeemed by the blood of Christ. Jesus said in John 14, "...I am the way..." And, beloved, if you plan to go to heaven, He is still the way. Now I'm speaking of the heaven where God is.

All Russia is trying to do is prove to the world that mankind can get along without God. I read a statement from the Moscow Radio broadcast which said, "The satellite proves how wrong are all religious organizations and beliefs in speaking of heaven." It said, "We materialists create our own heaven and fill it with our own moon and stars." The same thing that happened to Satan and Nimrod many thousands of years ago will happen to Russia. They will go down in defeat.

What does all this mean to the Christian? It means
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WHAT IS OUR GREATEST HINDRANCE IN SOUL-WINNING TODAY?

"If you read the Bible, you will be constantly stirred for the lost."

THE AMOUNT OF personal soul-winning work that we do is gaged by our compassion for souls. A love for souls comes from a realization of the greatness of God and the worth and eternal destiny of a soul. These truths are vouchsafed to us only through the Word. If we do not study the Scriptures, our understanding grows dim.

The church is made up of individuals; so when we fail, one by one, the church as a whole also fails. Carelessness and indifference seem to be contagious; if one person is afflicted, others are afflicted, and soon a whole congregation will lose the vision of the need for evangelism. This can only happen when the study of the Bible is neglected; for if you read, you will be constantly stirred for the lost.

Ministers and laity are saying, "I have lost my passion for souls. How can I regain it?" The answer is self-evident: go to the Source, which is the Bible. Bible study includes prayer and meditation, and that takes time.

If you would desire success in personal work, then—
"Take time to be holy."
—Mrs. Avis Swiger

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"Our vision must be enlarged, and definite goals need to be set in soul-winning."

LACK OF EFFECTUAL PRAYER. More prayer will produce an unwavering love for Christ and the souls of men in our hearts.

Fear of Failure. God does not require us to be successful, as men count success, but He does expect faithfulness. We must leave the results to God, and remember that even Christ did not win all.

Fear of being misunderstood. Will I harm the cause? Is this the best time? Do I have the ability? Through prayer and study, God will give us tact. Tact means "touch," and this touch will influence and not irritate.

Fear that "I cannot help when I do not know all the answers." All the questions of skeptics and unbelievers will never be answered. We must remember that a word of personal testimony is far more effective than an argument.

Each member of the church needs to feel a greater responsibility to witness personally for Christ. Too

often we have depended on the preacher, pulpit, sermon, and revival to get results. This duty was entrusted to the individual. Acts 1:8, "Ye shall be witnesses."

We have not utilized the printed page as we should. Tracts, letters, and pamphlets have been neglected. These will work wonders when put into use.

Our vision must be enlarged, and definite goals need to be set in soul-winning. An intensified program must be sponsored throughout the church, as soul-winning is our greatest business.
—C. R. Spain

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"A sincere devotion to the task automatically brings on prayers, fastings, renewed zeal, and new and varied programs."

THE LACK OF vision and a sincere devotion to the task on the part of both laity and ministers is the greatest hindrance in soul-winning. A sincere devotion to the task automatically brings on prayers and fastings, renewed zeal, and new and varied national and international programs springing from the executive branches, state boards, local boards, and reaching to the church's remotest parish. I personally feel that we, the Church of God, need a select group of zealous, dedicated, experienced, and spirit-filled men, officially appointed and salaried, (salaried as a first step to destroying all questions regarding evangelists' finances and sponsorship) whose equipment and campaigns (home and abroad) will be provided for and directed by the general department heads.

Is there a "general lack" of vision concerning the work? Yes!

Is there too little travail in prayer? Yes!

Have we come to take revivals too much for granted? No!

Have we come to depend upon revivals instead of working for souls in other ways? Yes!

—C. E. French

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"Personal work is a field where all may serve."

PERHAPS SOME OF our hindrances in soul-winning today are a general lack of interest and vision, and too little travail in prayer. It is my personal conviction that we need to be more aggressive in our soul-winning efforts.
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You Must Be Born of Water and of the Spirit

By Clifford Dennison

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Scripture: John 3:1-12.

Text: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5).

IN THE EIGHTH PSALM we find these words, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet."

What is man that thou art mindful of him? Man occupies a unique position in the universe. God has created man in His image and given him dominion over the physical world. Therefore, man is both spiritual and physical. He is a spiritual being, adapted to live in a physical environment.

When Jesus said to Nicodemus, "You must be born of water and of the Spirit," He was saying man is a spiritual being equipped to exist in a physical environment. He must be born of the Spirit and of the physical. Being born of water signifies physical birth. Jesus spoke in language that physical man could understand as He portrayed the spiritual by physical analogy. Most of us are either too dull to comprehend divine truth or else too weak to bear the magnificence and glory of it. Paul spoke of a man he once knew who was caught up into paradise and heard unspeakable words, which were not lawful for man to utter. If God uses the physical which we understand to portray the spiritual, then the physical analogy must be true or else we would not have confidence in the spiritual revelation.

I shall first show that man is truly "born of water." As we are convinced of this truth we can accept through faith the remainder of the statement and "be born of the Spirit."

I. You Must Be Born of Water

THE HABITABLE EARTH is "born of water." God created it to be inhabited. He placed it in the solar system at precisely the right position. The rays of the sun warm it, yet it is neither too hot nor too cold. He caused it to rotate about an axis without which only a small part of the earth would

be habitable. God caused it to revolve about the sun to provide for seasons, again extending the range of habitation. God clothed the earth with a blanket of atmosphere which filters out lethal radiation and holds in vital warmth. God did this and much more, but unless He had provided water, the essence of all physical life, the earth would be a barren wasteland of rock that would not support a single blade of grass.

Through past ages water has been at work weathering igneous rock and transporting it as sediment to the seas. Huge masses of this sediment were laid down time and time again, which, upon solidification, became sedimentary rock. Upheavals in the earth's crust uplifted these rock layers and left them again to the weathering forces of water to form soil. In the meantime, the chemicals and minerals in the rocks had been thoroughly mixed so that soil and sea water would support life. Wherever you see a blade of grass or any green plant there must be magnesium present, for magnesium is a vital constituent of chlorophyll, upon which all life directly or indirectly depends. In like manner this mixing action has distributed some twelve minerals that are necessary for life throughout the earth wherever life is found. Some of these minerals are as rare as one part per million. Nevertheless, they are distributed in the soil and water. The actions of weathering and erosion are continually changing the surface of the earth. Water is dynamically shaping the face of the land. Truly, the earth is born of water.

Water is the source of life. Three-fourths of the surface of the earth is covered with water. Without this large proportion and distribution the earth would be uninhabitable. Water absorbs heat from the sun, holds it, and distributes it more or less evenly over the face of the earth. Water has a greater specific heat than almost any other known substance; that is, it will hold several times as much heat per unit weight as soil or other substances. Besides, water has the unique property of contracting as it cools until it almost reaches the freezing point. Then, it expands. Only one other substance, bismuth, has this property. Because of this property, when the surface of a body of water cools during the winter the cold surface water sinks to the bottom, thereby exposing warmer water which likewise cools. This process continues until the body of water cools more or less uniformly from top to bottom, and the cooling liberates heat to warm up the surrounding air. However, if the

water reaches freezing point, it expands and forms a protective layer of ice on the surface, thus preserving plant and animal life in the water from freezing. Being a fluid, water flows from one place to another to provide for the dissipation of heat. Great ocean currents or rivers transport amazing quantities of heat from warm seas to colder regions.

Water has the unique property of existing in three states in a temperature range that is compatible with life—a solid, a liquid, and a gas. Without these properties, life would not be possible. A few of the reasons may be noted. When liquid water is changed into ice, large quantities of heat are liberated. If heat is added to a vessel containing water, a thermometer will show that it is impossible to raise the temperature above zero degrees centigrade as long as ice is present in the vessel. The change in state of ice into liquid water, or vice versa, takes place at a constant temperature, and experiment shows that a definite quantity of heat energy is involved. The eighty calories needed to convert one gram of ice into water without change in temperature is called heat of fusion of ice. Note then that the oceans and all bodies of water are gigantic reservoirs of heat. Likewise, when a gram of ice melts, eighty calories of heat are absorbed, so that the polar ice caps to moderate high extremes in temperature.

Water in the liquid state is the carrier of physical life. There are definite reasons why living things are composed of from 60 per cent to 95 per cent water. All living processes take place in the presence of water. Water is one of the best solvents. Before there can be physiological action in an organism, the participating agents must be dissolved in water. For example, digestion renders food soluble so that it might be transported to the cells of the body. Upon reaching the cells it could not enter except the cell membrane be moist. Oxidation or burning of the food within the cell takes place in the presence of water. All the trillions of the cells of the body are bathed in water. They are as tiny microscopic individuals that live in a sea of fluids. If this fluid is drained from the cells our tissues dehydrate and death results.

Water is the chief means of body temperature regulation. The blood, which is 80 per cent water, distributes heat uniformly throughout the body just as the mighty ocean currents distribute heat throughout the earth. This heat distribution is controlled by physical process. If too much heat is built up in the body, the blood carries it to the surface where it is dissipated by radiation or sweat evaporation.

For every gram of liquid water changed to vapor, 540 calories of heat are absorbed. This absorption of heat cools the surface of the body. This property of water, referred to as the heat of evaporation, has far-reaching effects. The earth is cooled when water evaporates. This heat is carried upward and is dissipated by radiation into space. As the vapor gives up its heat, it condenses and falls as rain, snow, or sleet, so that again it is in usable form and can do its work all over again.

Water, then, in performing this work, makes possible vital life processes, carves the face of the land, regulates temperature, and liberates vast quantities of energy which can be harnessed for the benefit of man. If water did not exist in these three states at normal temperatures, or if the freezing point of water were raised only a few degrees the earth would be vastly different and life could not exist. Truly man is born of water.

II. You Must Be Born of the Spirit

WE CAN SEE THAT man is born with a physical body and adapted to a physical environment. He can be said to be in harmony with nature if his body is functioning normally. We are controlled by physical emotions which result from glandular activity. The hormone secretions of endocrine glands provide for dynamic equilibrium of physiological functions. If this balance is disturbed, we experience such emotions as fear, natural love, and anger. We respond to physical stimuli which we receive through our senses. We see through our eyes but only because our eyes are formed to respond to light radiation which lies in a very narrow wave band. We hear through our ears but only because our ears are tuned to audio frequencies of sound vibration. We smell, taste, and feel other stimuli because our bodies are tuned to the vibratory forces of nature. Man is born of water. He is adapted to a physical environment, but he is more than physical. He is spiritual. Otherwise, he would be an animal, forever bound to a physical existence.

Through the Spirit man sees purpose and meaning of life. Through the Spirit man sees beauty and grandeur and glory. Even the base and ugly such as the unclothed body and eating of food has been clothed and set in a place of beauty through the Spirit. Man, then, is primarily a spiritual being. Those people who accentuate their body to show it off think of themselves as a body, but we are not primarily a body. We are spiritual. We were created in the image and likeness of God.

God created Adam, in the Garden of Eden, a being who was perfected in love. He was in harmony with nature and in harmony with God. A perfect balance was wrought between the physical and the spiritual. The spiritual modified the physical and held the emotions and all other physical expression in subjection, so that beauty and love could be the natural expression of divine law. Adam had life because spiritual life is the communion of a created spirit with the Spirit of the Creator. This life is expressed through the medium of light, truth, and love. However, there can be no expression unless there be life, which exists only if there be perfect harmony between the two spirits. Just as sickness and physical death result if the physical laws that govern the functioning of the body are broken and harmony is disrupted, so does spiritual death result when the spiritual laws are broken and the harmony of the spirits perverted.

Adam sinned and sin is the transgression of the law. Adam was an eternal being who broke an eternal

law by committing a wilful act of sin. The results of this sin was passed upon all men. Man, without the merciful intervention of God, was without hope of redemption and would have remained in this state of death forever, without hope. The responsibility for this condition rests on man. God created him in perfect harmony with the divine laws and man broke those laws wilfully. Therefore, he is degenerate and doomed to hell. There is no other place that he, in his lost state, can go. God is righteous, holy, and infinite in love and only those who are in harmony with Him and His perfect law of love can behold Him and stand in His presence. So man is doomed for hell where there is eternal separation from God. He is born that way, and except for the infinite love of God, there is nothing he can do about it. But God saw man's condition and because of His boundless love He made a way of escape that man may have an opportunity to choose between good and evil. This opportunity was provided at great cost—the sacrifice of the only begotten Son of God. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

You must be born again. Your unregenerate spirit is dead. Sin has broken the harmony that should exist between the Spirit of God and the spirit of His creature. If you are not born again, you are eternally dead. You must be born of the Spirit. You must be restored to harmony with God.

What do we mean by being in harmony with God? We mean a state of being in which there is perfect communion between our spirit and the Spirit of God. "His Spirit beareth witness with our spirit that we are the sons of God." This communion is expressed in love. God is love and His love is an outflowing love. It originates with God. He is the source of this love. "We love him because he first loved us." Man cannot love with this divine love because he has no source within himself. He can only respond to the love of God if he is in tune with God, that is, if he is in harmony with divine laws.

This illustration is apt. Suppose there is a stringed instrument that has the power within itself to play. Suppose it is placed by the side of a conventional instrument which does not possess this power. Now, let the self-playing instrument play a beautiful melody. Will the conventional instrument respond? Only if it meets two requirements. Its strings must be free to vibrate; they must not be bound. It must also be tuned the same frequency of wave energy as the source. If these requirements are met, the conventional instrument will play the same beautiful melody as the first.

God seeks us through His divine love. We are wooed by the Spirit. We can react in one of two ways. We can rebel against the wooing of the Spirit, or we can repent of our sins and cry out for liberation. I would that all men would respond to the love of God! How beautiful is the soul that responds in perfect love! If we respond, our response would not remain pent up inside our being. It, indeed, could not. This love

would radiate outward and influence the lives of all men. "By this shall all men know that ye are children of God if you have love one for another."

Love, the powerful, potent, irresistible, unseen force! Love! The ultimate expression of a redeemed soul!

Conclusion:

"Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love," 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13.

SECURITY

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give. Love will forget. Love will make us godly. Love will light our pathway as we travel from earth to glory.

Yes, my friend, if you do these things, ye shall never fall. Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things abide in you, you shall never fall. **YOU ARE SECURE FOR ALL ETERNITY!**

THE COMING OF CHRIST IN THE LIGHT OF WORLD EVENTS

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we are living in the last days. In the Gospel of Luke Jesus tells His disciples about some of the signs which will indicate the nearness of His second coming. He says:

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh," Luke 21:25-28.

Beloved, are not these scriptures being fulfilled right before our very eyes? So no matter what Sputnik is doing today, soon, very soon, there will appear in the heavens, "... the son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

Note that Jesus said that when these things begin

to come to pass, look up, for your redemption draweth nigh. In other words, when we see these things beginning to formulate, it is time to get ready for His coming.

So as I close this message, let me ask you, are you saved? Are you filled with the Spirit? Are you ready for His coming? If not, won't you bow your head and ask Him to save you and make you ready. He will right now if you will let Him.

May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon you is my humble prayer.

ON THE SPOT

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sonal opinion that revival and mass evangelistic efforts have been overemphasized in the church and too little emphasis placed on personal evangelism and soul-winning.

It is not for a selfish purpose nor to minimize the importance of revival or mass evangelism that I refer to John 1:40-42, but rather to show that many of us have perhaps overlooked the real secret in soul-winning. These verses of Scripture tell us of the personal work of Andrew in finding his brother, Simon Peter, and bringing him to Christ. It seems to be a proven fact that between 95 and 99 per cent of those who accept Christ are won by a particular person. Personal work is a field of endeavor where all may serve, and it surely presents a great challenge today. It gives an open door for each worker to labor where his influence is most remarkable. God has given to each of us a definite influence with some one or more persons. Realizing the importance of personal work, may we as the Church of God prepare our people for the task that lies before us in winning the lost for Christ and the church.

If each member of the Church of God would win one soul to Christ and the church, without any loss in membership for two years, with our present membership at 288,737, we would have 1,154,948 at our next General Assembly.

—Calvin C. Wigley

"It is only the God-anointed Word . . . that cuts deeply into the sin-sick soul and brings him to repentance."

MANY SOULS ARE being converted in our altars today, but I feel that too great a number pass through our doors unchanged. I am giving two reasons why I think this condition exists.

1. Lack of originality in the pulpit.

The evangelist's sermon should be one of his own production, blending his God-given personality with anointed words in a long-reach and all-out effort for lost souls. His message must be more than the rapid fire of carefully chosen words that have been prepared by someone other than himself and which seem

to be especially designed to "tickle the ears" rather than convict the sinner. It is only the God-anointed Word and thought given us, as ministers, that cut deeply into the sin-sick soul and brings him to repentance. The "used sermon market," though very beneficial, has been substituted too often for prayer and study, thus dealing evangelism a mortal blow.

2. Lack of trained personal workers.

After a soul has been convicted in the pew, he needs the wise and tactful assistance of a well-trained personal worker to lead him on with God. Someone who is soft spoken, who is well versed in salvation Scriptures, and who really knows God for himself and how to explain His manifestations to others can effectively direct the unsaved to an altar of prayer. The wrong words and influence at this point can be very harmful. Many timid and shy souls have failed to go on with God because of the lack of proper spiritual guidance. "And he that winneth souls is wise."

—James A. Stephens



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A RESTUDY OF CONTROVERSIAL DOCTRINES CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED IN EVANGELICAL CIRCLES

It is not easy to stand up for Jesus—or to stand up for strangers. We need some Andrews who remember that outsiders are people, too. Because they are human beings, they are God's people. To God, the color of a man's skin, or the place of his birth, or the sound of his name, or the accent of his speech mean absolutely nothing.

William P. Barker,
Twelve Who Were Chosen
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Highlights of Fifth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches

By ROBERT C. CUNNINGHAM, Editor, "Pentecostal Evangel"

DELEGATES CAME from every continent and the islands of the sea to attend the Fifth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches.

Four delegates came from behind the Iron Curtain to represent the thriving Pentecostal movement in Poland. More than forty other countries sent representatives to tell how God was pouring out His Spirit upon their people.

The Canadian National Exhibition grounds in Toronto became a spiritual "United Nations" for the triennial event. The spacious Coliseum arena, seating nearly 10,000 with its facilities offered a convenient conference centre on the Lake Ontario waterfront.

People of all ages, colors, and customs were drawn together by a common bond—their faith in Christ and their fervent Pentecostal testimony. Immaculately dressed black children played and mingled with white children in the corridors. A young Eskimo lady from northern Alaska entered into the joyful proceedings; interpreters stood in the midst of foreign language groups translating the proceedings into French, German, Italian, Swedish, Finnish, Polish, Ukrainian, Yugoslavian, Eskimo, and occasionally into other languages.

White-robed delegates from India and Scandinavians in national costume added to the color of the gathering. Several hundred colored people from the U.S.A., and Bermuda, the West Indian Federation, Ghana, and South Africa were among the delegates. Canada has no racial segregation. Blacks and whites sat side by side in the con-

gregation while Senator Gerald R. Wessels, of South Africa, introduced and embraced Rev. Nicholas Bhengu before the Zulu evangelist preached at the Wednesday night service. Both men stayed at the same headquarters hotel and shared the same dining room.

None enjoyed the meetings more than the gray haired veterans of the Pentecostal revival who were deeply moved by the international conference. For men like A. H. Argue, one of Canada's pioneer preachers who is now in his ninetieth year, and Martin Genischen, eighty-year-old pastor from West Berlin who has been active in the Pentecostal movement in Europe since 1908, the gathering was a dream come true.

A choir of colored singers from the Church of God in Christ from the U.S.A., sang a number of hymns in their own hearty and rhythmic style. The varied musical program included featured artists such as the great Swedish tenor, Einar Waermo, Carl Oliverbring, Goran Stenlund, Professor Fague Springman of the Department of Music, University of Maryland, the guitar-strumming lady evangelists from Norway, and the Ambassadors' male quartette from Flint, Michigan.

A fifty-voice, male choir from Sweden, who sang before President Eisenhower before coming to Toronto, had an hour long concert, while a Ukrainian choir in national costume delighted the audience with the Slavic minors. Hilding Halverson of Seattle conducted the regular 500-voice-choir throughout the event.

The conference was informal so that all Pentecostal people could participate without regard to their religious affiliation. This is the unique feature of the World Conferences. Some delegates represented denominations having thousands of churches; other delegates represented independent congregations not connected with any other. It was evident that the worldwide Pentecostal revival is bigger than most people realize.

A bishop in the Latvian Lutheran Church brought greetings to the conference. He received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in a DP camp in Europe.

An American seminary professor likewise gave joyful testimony to the fact that he had received the Acts 2:4 experience even though he still called himself a Presbyterian—"a Pentecostal Presbyterian."

The conference lasted eight days, September 14-21. Night after night the Arena, which seats 10,000 was practically filled for the evangelistic services. Speakers at the evening meetings included Percy S. Brewster (Wales), R. O. Corvin (Oklahoma), H. H. Barber (Canada), O. T. Jones (Pennsylvania), and Howard P. Courtney (California). After each evening sermon, Evangelist Watson Argue "threw out the gospel net" and scores responded to his invitation to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

A host of young people stepped out to consecrate their lives to God after hearing a challenging missionary address by Nicholas Bhengu (South Africa).

One night the baptism of the



Editors at the World Pentecostal Conference in Toronto

Holy Ghost was stressed by L. Heroo (Rhode Island) and the next evening Richard Vinyard (Missouri) emphasized divine healing. A number were filled with the Holy Ghost and a number received the Lord's healing touch in these services.

The prayer room was seldom empty. Before and after the meetings there were people waiting on God. The importance of prayer was impressed upon the conference by Tom Johnstone who led the prayer meeting at 8:45 each morning.

On Saturday morning there was a Men's Breakfast at which P. A. Gagliardi, a Pentecostal pastor in Kamloops, British Columbia, who is also Minister of Highways in the Provincial Government, was the speaker. The ladies, not to be outdone, had their own breakfast meeting with several speakers including Mrs. Leona Williams, of Long Beach, California, and Mrs. C. B. Smith of Peterboro, Ontario.

Two network radio broadcasts marked the opening Sunday of the conference. In the afternoon CBC carried a half-hour broadcast when the Hon. Walter Dinsdale, M.P., welcomed the conference on behalf of Prime Minister Diefenbaker and the Canadian Federal Government. The devotional address was given by Rev. Tom Johnstone, of Toronto. Following the evening service, the thirty-minute REVIVAL TIME broadcast was sent out from the arena over 30 stations of the ABC network in the United States, with Toronto-born Rev. C. Morse Ward giving the address.

The conference's financial needs of more than \$20,000 were met without high pressure financial appeals.

The high point of the entire conference came on the closing Sunday afternoon when people poured in from all parts of Southern Ontario and the bordering states for a colorful missionary rally. The afternoon speaker was Willard Cantelon. A "World Evangelization" offering of more than \$5,000 was received which was given to each particular denominational designated group. The weather did not permit the rally to be held at the grandstand, as planned so the Coliseum Annex and prayer room were used to accommodate the overflow crowd.

J. A. Synan, General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, sounded the conference keynote, when he spoke on the theme, "The Purpose of God in the Pentecostal Movement for This Hour." Others who spoke on related subjects included Donald Gee (England), R. Bryant Mitchell (Iowa), Leonard Steiner (Switzerland), R. M. Riggs (Missouri), and C. R. Spain (Tennessee).

Luther Turner (Michigan) spoke to the delegates on "The Blessed

Hope." Alfred Webb (England) preached on "Personal Evangelism"; Harold Jefferies (Oregon) on "Mass Evangelism"; Oswald J. Smith (Canada) on "Literature Evangelism"; and Douglas S. Quay (England) on "Radio and TV Evangelism."

A panel moderated by Noel Perkin (Missouri) gave an interesting discussion on "The Indigenous Church." Members of the panel were Emilio Conde (Brazil), Nicholas Bhengu (South Africa), E. Lesnussa (Indonesia), and Melvin L. Hodges (Missouri).

Lewi Pethrus, long-time pastor of the great Filadelfia Church in Stockholm, preached on Sunday morning following a communion service in which several thousand participated.

The Conference messages are being distributed to editors of Pentecostal magazines for publication. The Advisory Committee also decided to publish the addresses in permanent book form. Details as to when they will be available will be announced in Pentecostal magazines.

The press, radio and television gave extensive coverage to the event. Some of the publicity covered human interest aspects which did not present the real significance of the conference in meeting the challenge of the world's contemporary problems. These were dealt with in sessions covering mass and personal evangelism, literature evangelism, radio evangelism, and the principles and practices of the indigenous church in making the transition from "colonial mission fields" to self-propagation and self-government. The latter for the most part escaped the attention of the press.

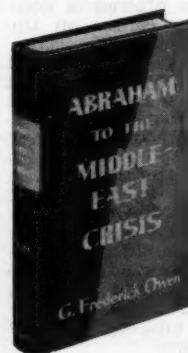
An Advisory Committee was named to arrange for the 1961 World Conference. Members were selected on a geographic basis, as follows: W. E. McAlister (Canada), H. P. Courtney, G. F. Lewis, Samuel Crouch (U.S.A.), Emilio Conde (Brazil), Lewi Pethrus (Sweden), Eino Manninen (Finland), G. R. Wessels (South Africa), John Carter (England), Nicholas Bhengu (South Africa), Leonard Steiner (Switzerland), Francis Toppi (Italy), E. Lesnussa (Indonesia), and Donald Gee (Editor of the World Conference authorized magazine, "Pentecost").

The new Advisory Committee announced that plans are being made to hold the Sixth World Pentecostal Conference in Jerusalem, Israel, in 1961, the final decision depending upon the securing of suitable conference facilities. According to statistics, compiled by David J. duPlessis, there are approximately 8,500,000 Pentecostal adherents throughout the world and one half of these are in North

America. However, the World Conferences have all been in Europe until this year. Prior to Toronto the conferences were held in Switzerland, France, Sweden, and England.

Walter E. McAlister of Canada, being chairman of the Advisory Committee, had charge of the Toronto conference. He was ably assisted by various members of the presidium and by many others.

Public tribute was paid to the retiring members of the Advisory Committee who played an important part in making the 1958 conference a success; namely R. M. Riggs, David J. duPlessis and D. Lawrence Williams, Paul Walker, and Harry Liddle.



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testimonies

This Is a Happy Way

ANAHEIM, Calif.—A little over a year and a half ago, the Lord became very real to me. Many years ago I had been saved but had backslidden. Sickness was an everyday companion. I was sick almost all of my life, and the doctors could not find the real cause. I went to the hospital where they found, after many X rays and surgery, that I had peritonitis. The cause of this infection was removed, but I did not seem to improve. In fact, the third day I met death face to face. Our pastor and the church were praying. I gave my all to the Lord there on that hospital bed. I promised God if He would raise me up and heal me, I would follow Him the rest of my life. Praise His holy name forever! After 21 days I came home. My healing came slowly but surely for I believed the Lord was doing what needed to be done. I'm sure that the doctors and nurses thought that I was going home to die. I went back to visit the nurses, and they acted as if they were seeing a ghost. I told them that the Lord had saved me and healed me. I told my doctors that I was going to trust God for my needs, and they said that they had no argument against it. I have not taken any medicine since. Praise the name of the Lord! He is a wonderful Saviour, healer, and keeper.

Since then, I've been sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. My husband and our 9-year-old-girl also have received the Baptism. We have a real Christian home. The Lord has poured out His blessings upon us. I could not tell you all the things the Lord has done. He healed me of a throat condition that I had had for months, of sinus that was bad for years, and of a tumor on my leg. I do have some arthritis that we are praying about. Pray with us that the Lord will heal this too. I believe He will.

Just this summer we prayed

and He gave us a 3-and-a-half-month-old baby girl to adopt. This will make 2 adopted children and one step-daughter in our home.

I love the *Evangel* and the Church of God. They have been a great blessing to me and my family. We are building a new church here in Westminster, California. After much hard work and two years of prayer, it is almost done. Pray with us that the Lord will send us many souls. Praise Him forever! This is just the beginning of a happy way. Since we have all been saved, we are really happy. The Lord is our all and all. I don't know how I lived 39 years without the Holy Ghost.

Pray for our new church where Brother Dale Davis is the pastor. We will have a revival soon. Pray that many souls will be saved.

—Mrs. Frances Briley

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Sweet Peace Behind Bars

CHOCTAW, Okla.—Ever since I was a little boy, I've felt that the Lord had a calling for me. I didn't know exactly what it was, but I didn't intend to do it. Therefore, I have been constantly on the run from God.

As I grew older, the feeling grew stronger, but I just wouldn't give up. I was always in trouble, doing what the devil wanted me to do. When I finished high school, I started playing for dances and radio shows for a living. Then I went on to television. No matter what I did, the Lord was still there; so I just tried harder to keep away from Him. I wouldn't stay still long enough for the Lord to talk to me. Finally, in 1956, I went to California and started playing in night clubs, but the Lord stopped me. On July 13, 1956, I had an automobile accident and the doctors said that I couldn't possibly live. My chest was crushed and I had several internal injuries. Thank the Lord, I had a praying

mother and grandmother who were members of the Church of God. They called the church together and prayed for me. The Lord gave my life back to me. I had promised the Lord that if I lived I would live for Him. I was back on my feet in record time, but I went right back to playing for the devil. In 1957, I moved to Borger, Texas, and it wasn't long before I was playing on radio and television. I really thought that I was on top of the world, but I still didn't have the Lord. I was still running. In May of 1958, I got into trouble with the law and I have been in jail since July. Since I have had lots of time to think, the Lord started talking to me. He had me where I couldn't run, so I listened. We have church here in the jail 4 times a week and God has wonderfully saved me. I know that I don't deserve His mercy, but His promises are true. Since that time I have had such sweet peace down in my soul. I don't know exactly what is going to happen to me, but I know that the Lord is on my side and I am not worried. I may have to go to prison, but He will be with me. Whatever happens I want to tell the world what God can and will do for them. The Lord has more blessings for me and I want them all.

Young people, the Lord wants to use you. You may think that fortune and fame are what you want, but, believe me, you'll never be happy until you turn from the paths of sin and invite Jesus in. I am 22 years old and I have wasted a lot of time, but praise the Lord, it is still not too late. I need your prayers that I will hold fast to the truth and whatever happens I will always be found upholding the Lord.

—Name withheld by request

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God Heals Toothache

MIMS, Fla.—I am praising the Lord for victory in my soul and for the healing of my 6-year-old son. He had been suffering from the toothache for several months, and I promised God that I would testify in the *Evangel* if He would heal him. I would like the prayers of everyone who reads this.

—Mrs. Jean Collins

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Greater Than Surgery

CRISFIELD, Md.—I testify of God's marvelous healing power. For 3 years I suffered with a duodenal ulcer at the mouth of the small intestines. I was in the hospital 3 different times in 3 years and had all kinds of tests made.

Each time I was assured that it was the ulcer causing the pain and each time was told it was something I would have the rest of my life.

July 5, 1958, I had an attack and left work because of such violent vomiting and severe pain. My doctor told me there was nothing else he could do; he had given me all he knew to give and yet I grew worse with spasms of the ulcer. I went to a specialist in Salisbury, Md., who immediately wanted me to go to the hospital. On July 19 I entered the Peninsula General Hospital and was so severely ill that for 5 days they couldn't even take X rays. Then July 24 they took 17 X rays, all of which showed an overactive ulcer. Still the spasms and vomiting continued; the doctor told me that there was nothing else to do but operate. First, he wanted me to have a gall-bladder test and stomach analysis which showed the ulcer and gastric acidity very plainly. I was scheduled for the operation at 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 29. On the Sunday before, while our camp meeting was in progress, I sent for special prayer. During the afternoon service, Rev. Ray Hughes asked everybody to stand and all the ministers to raise their hands and pray for my healing.

I went to the operating room as scheduled with the expectations of having 50 to 75 per cent of my intestines removed. My mother and Rev. R. H. Sumner, our pastor, waited in the salararium for the doctor to come down when the operation was over. About 1:15 p.m., the surgeon, Dr. Briele, came and told them he had good news. He said that he did not have to remove any of my intestines and the ulcer was healed. He said that a hand greater than his stepped in just ahead of his and the ulcer was healed. He said the scar tissue was there showing where the ulcer had been, but it was completely healed before he got to it. He said he removed adhesions and scar tissues and in a few days I would be just fine.

I had lived on a strict diet for 3 years; the last six months I had had nothing but baby food and milk. The second day after the operation they brought me bacon and eggs for breakfast, and for lunch they brought me a chicken dinner. Dear readers only the power of God could perform such a modern day miracle as this. The doctor told Brother Sumner it was indeed a modern day miracle, and he was glad as we were about it. Tears mingled with joy and rejoicing as the surgeon, Mother, and Brother Sumner praised the Lord together.

Today I am convalescing, eating

anything I want, and improving marvelously. Thanks to a big infinite God and His Son, my Saviour. I have worked for the Lord since I was a child of 10 years; I love the Lord with all my heart and want to be a faithful servant. I humbly write this that others may receive faith in their trying hours.

—Elsie Parks Ward

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God's Healing Power Is Great

LUDLOW, Mass.—I would like to give my testimony of God's great healing power. I was suffering with a sore throat for about three days. I had asked the Lord to heal me, but somehow my healing didn't come. One night I told the Lord I wanted Him to heal me. When I was really in earnest, instantly my sore throat was gone and the fever also. I could never praise the Lord enough for His healing power. He has healed in our home so many times. I praise Him today because I know I can trust in Him.

—Mrs. James Westbrook

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Do All You Can for God

CLEVELAND, Tenn.—I am happy because I am nearing the end of my journey and haven't lost the vision. Paul, the great Apostle, said, "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first" (1 Thessalonians 4:16). Unless our Jesus comes before we die, you and I will be among that number, if we stay consecrated to God. But even if He comes before we go, (the 17th verse reads like this), "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Well glory!

Just think, my aged friends, we can't miss that happy meeting in the air, if we obey. Thank God we don't have long to wait. "We count them happy which endure" (James 5:11). We can entertain ourselves doing everything we can for God and His children. Even the little things we do for Jesus are precious in His sight. Think of how He appreciated the widow's mite, then race to do all you can. Not even a little sparrow falls to the ground without the Father's notice.

May God richly bless every one of you.

—Mrs. Golden Ball



Pray that my daughters and sons-in-law will be saved and that the Lord will heal my son.

—Francis Elders
LaFayette, Ga.

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Pray for the healing of my body.

—Lola Warren
Plymouth, Fla.

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Pray that I will get closer to the Lord.

—L. C. P.

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Pray for Mrs. Milton Tidwell, LaFayette Springs, Miss., to be healed of cancer.

—H. H. James
Oxford, Miss.

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Pray for my son, who is a backslider—that his home will not be broken up. Also pray for another backslidden son.

—Mrs. Pearl Parham
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Pray for a special unspoken request and for God to heal my eyes.

—J. R. Holt
Cleveland, Ohio

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Pray that the Lord will heal me of hardening of the arteries.

—Arthur Stuarts
Lake Wales, Fla.

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Pray for a special unspoken request and for 2 daughters, a son, and 3 sons-in-law to be saved.

—A sister in Christ

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Pray that the Lord will heal my husband.

—Mrs. Edward Hendley
Lake City, Fla.

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Pray that the Lord will heal my right leg.

—Mrs. Lucy Fleming
Sumter, S. C.

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Pray that the Lord will heal my body.

—Sister Elsie Thompson
Naugatuck, W. Va.



family devotions



By CLYNE W. BUXTON, Birmingham, Alabama

ORPHANAGE EMPHASIS WEEK

Memory Verse: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27).

Monday, November 3

Beware of Lust for Money!

Scripture, Psalm 49 (Be sure to read this)

Avarice warps the Christian. Note the Holy Writ: "Labor not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven" (Proverbs 23:4, 5). Jesus admonished His disciples that "life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he (man) possesseth." Christ doesn't mind our possessing money and property as long as those things don't possess us; as long as they aren't our "life."

Pray for those who manage our orphanages.

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Tuesday, November 4

Kindness

Scripture, Ruth 2:5-23 (This is a beautiful story. Read it).

If someone does us an unkind deed, we may strive hard to forget it. However, if someone treats us unusually kind, we greatly cherish the memory of it. Paul admonishes, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). Likewise, the Record also teaches, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10). Note that we are to especially do good to fellow Christians. Why not single out someone whom you can help today?

Pray for the many children in our orphanages.

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Wednesday, November 5

Prayer

Scripture, 1 Samuel 1:8-28 (Read how this prayer was answered).

A little girl was struggling through the Lord's Prayer, and, being quite young, she could not pronounce

some of the words correctly. When she had finished, some older children teased her for saying "tess-passes" for "trespasses," and "tentation" for "temptation." To their taunting she replied she was not praying to them, she was praying to God, and, after all, she stated, He knew what she was saying. Whether we pray in the language of a child, or of the learned, we must pray. Jesus said, "For your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask Him" (Matthew 6:8).

Pray that God will supply the financial needs of our orphanages.

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Thursday, November 6

Victory

Scripture, Romans 7:15; 8:6 (See your picture in these verses).

Continuous victory through Christ should be our constant aim. We can't avoid circumstances, but we can trust in Him who is victor of all circumstances and perplexities. Here is a beautiful promise, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son" (Revelation 21:7).

Pray for the spiritual needs of our orphanages.

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Friday, November 7

Spiritual Fruitfulness

Scripture, Galatians 5:16-26 (Read, and see if you are fruitful).

Today's Bible reading gives a most lucid picture of the attributes of fruitful Christians. Consider them! (1) Love. Not hate, but love for everyone. (2) Joy. Can you be joyful, when it's easy to be sad? (3) Peace. What a blissful word! (4) Long-suffering. This is to be applied during trials and monotony. (5) Gentleness. Not crabbiness, not ferociousness, but gentleness, kindness. (6) Goodness. Not hypocrisy, but down-to-earth goodness. (7) Faith. Faithfulness, not faithlessness. This also includes dependability. (8)

Meekness. Remember this was Moses' chief quality. (9) Temperance. Temperate in food, drink, play! How do you measure up as a fruitful Christian?

Pray for the workers at our orphanages.

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Saturday, November 8

Surrendered Lives

Scripture, Romans 12:1-12

Henry Varley, a preacher, stated that the world has yet to see what God can do in and by and for and through a man or a woman who is completely dedicated to Him. To daily present ourselves as living, holy sacrifices unto God is our spiritual service. We must be dedicated to Him, for He stated, "Without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

Pray that God shall continue to bless our orphanages.

Our world never has known a sense of oneness, and there are few world citizens, those rare individuals who think globally instead of locally. Boundaries that divide are tragically tall, like the Chinese wall, suggesting to the outside that our one-tent heaven is big enough for ourselves. India isn't alone in her exclusive temples over whose doors is written, "Not allowed: Low Castes and Dogs."
—Roy O. McClain, *THIS WAY, PLEASE* (The Fleming H. Revell Company).

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A little girl, playing on the seashore, made a hole in the sand with her little toy shovel, and then with the bright tin pail her mother had bought her for her birthday, she tried to fill the hole with ocean water. As fast as her little legs could carry her, she worked, filling up the pail from the ocean and emptying it in the sand hole, back and forth as fast as she could run, until her mother found her crying, worn out, utterly frustrated with her first experience in a failure familiar to all humankind. Some things cannot be done. We cannot measure the immeasurable; we cannot empty the ocean of illimitable love with our little tin buckets. There is no church, there is no creed, there is no mind created big enough to grasp the length and width and depth of the love of God revealed in Christ. It is a love that passeth knowledge.

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